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AUTO DISPLAY OF CHANNEL BANNER ON A PROGRAM CHANGE

Technical Field of Invention

- 5 This invention relates to the field of television for automatically displaying information about the next program before the ending of the current program.

Background Art

- 10 When a current program is about to end, the user cannot tell what the next program in the same channel is without manually pressing the INFO key on the remote to bring up the program information such as channel banner or without manually entering a program guide to get the title information.

Disclosure of Invention

- 15 According to the principles of the invention, when a television apparatus detects that a current program is ending in a predetermined time interval, the television apparatus automatically displays the program information such as channel banner or title of the next program.

- 20 Furthermore, if a new program is received before the end of the current program, the television apparatus updates the displayed program information according to the information included in the newly received program guide.

Brief Description of Drawings

FIG. 1 is an illustrative flow chart showing how a television apparatus displays the program information for the next program when the current program is about to end.

- 25 FIGs. 2 and 3 each show an example of a television apparatus suitable for implementing the process shown in FIG. 1.

Detailed Description

- 30 A television apparatus, such as a television made by Thomson Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, can receive guide data from Gemstar or PSIP (Program and System Information Protocol) tables on ATSC (Advanced Television Systems Committee) streams. ATSC is a high definition television standards body. For illustration purposes, the PSIP data is used in the following discussion, but something similar could be done with data from Gemstar. Essentially there is data in the PSIP EIT (event information tables) which

includes start and end times of a program or time information necessary for deriving the start and end times of the program. Using this information, a television apparatus can detect that a current program is about to end in a predetermined time and pop the program information such channel banner and program title of the next program. Additionally, when the television apparatus receives an updated PSIP guide before the end of the current program, the television apparatus may display the new guide information to the user automatically. By automatically displaying this information, the user is no longer required to manually bring up the channel banner or guide to see what the next program is.

FIG. 1 illustrates the process of displaying the program information, illustratively the channel banner, of the next program before the current program ends.

FIGs. 2 and 3 each show an embodiment of a television apparatus that can be used to implement the process described in FIG. 1.

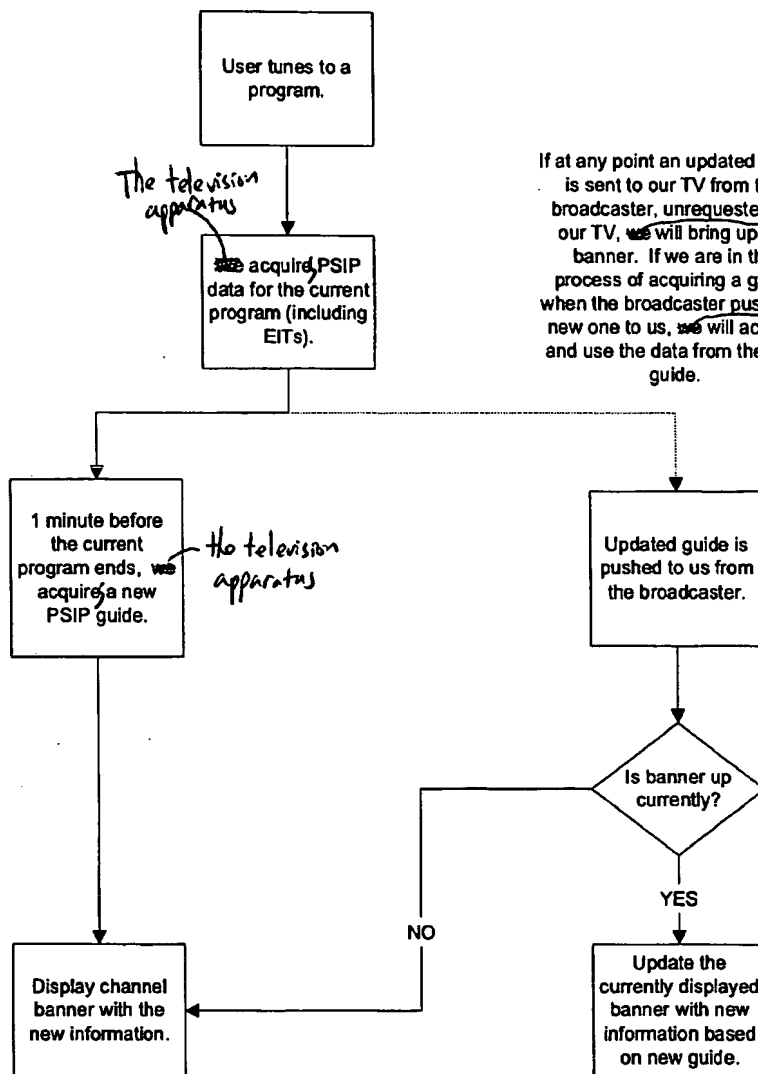
While this invention has been described with regard to a few presently preferred embodiments, those skilled in this art will readily appreciate that many alternative modes and embodiments can be carried out without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for displaying information of a next program by a
5 television apparatus before the end of a currently showing program, the
method comprising the steps of:
 acquiring by the television apparatus end time of the currently showing
 program from a program guide;
 determining by the television apparatus using the end time whether the
10 currently showing program is ending in a predetermined time; and
 if the currently showing program is ending within the predetermined
time, the television apparatus displaying information of the next program.
2. A television apparatus comprising:
 storage for storing program information for each program, including
15 time information for each program; and
 a controller for determining whether a currently showing program is
ending in a predetermined time using the time information, wherein
If the currently showing program is ending in the predetermined time, the
controller displays information of a next program.

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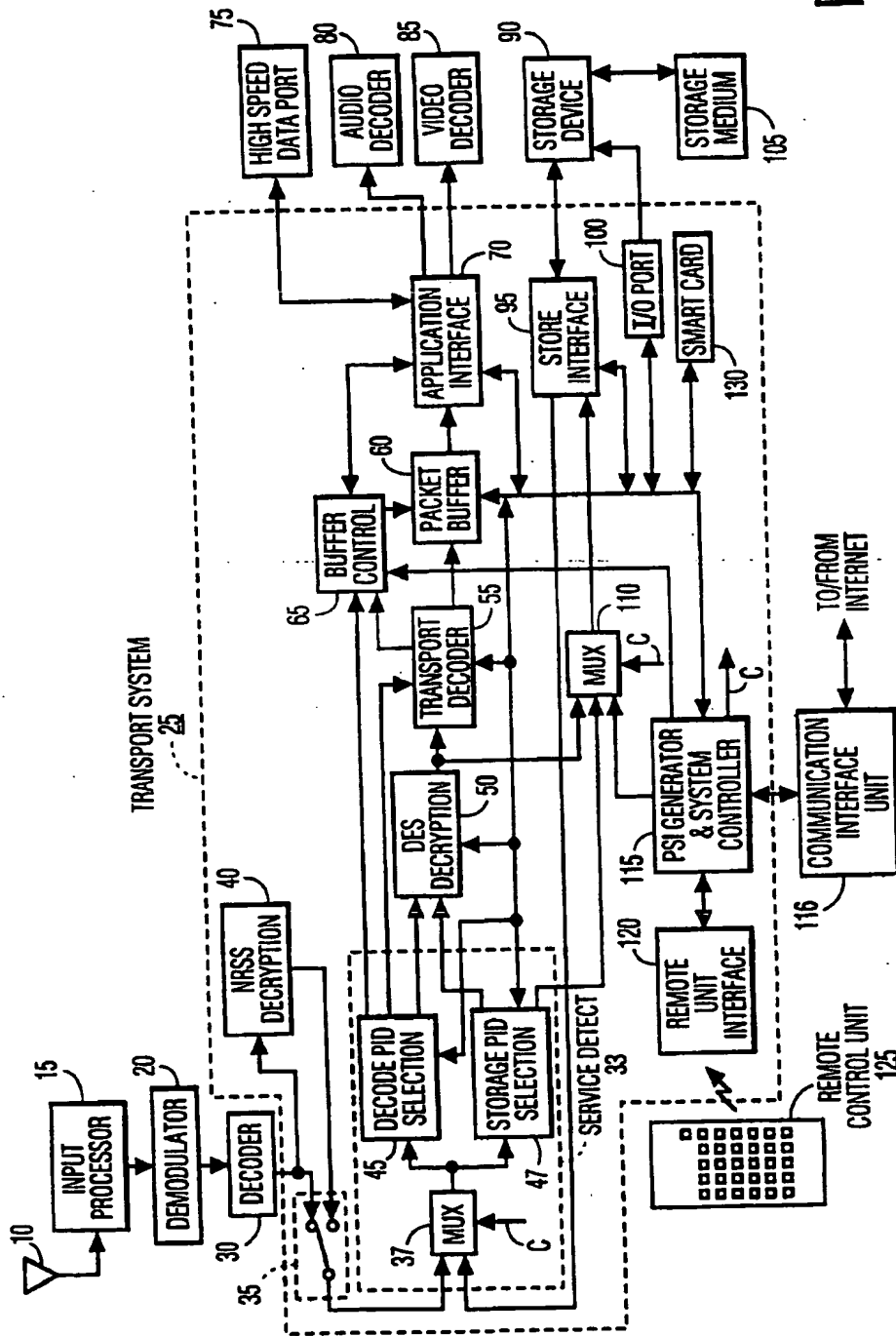


If at any point an updated guide is sent to our TV from the broadcaster, unrequested by our TV, we will bring up the banner. If we are in the process of acquiring a guide when the broadcaster pushes a new one to us, we will acquire and use the data from the new guide.

FIG. 1

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FIG. 2



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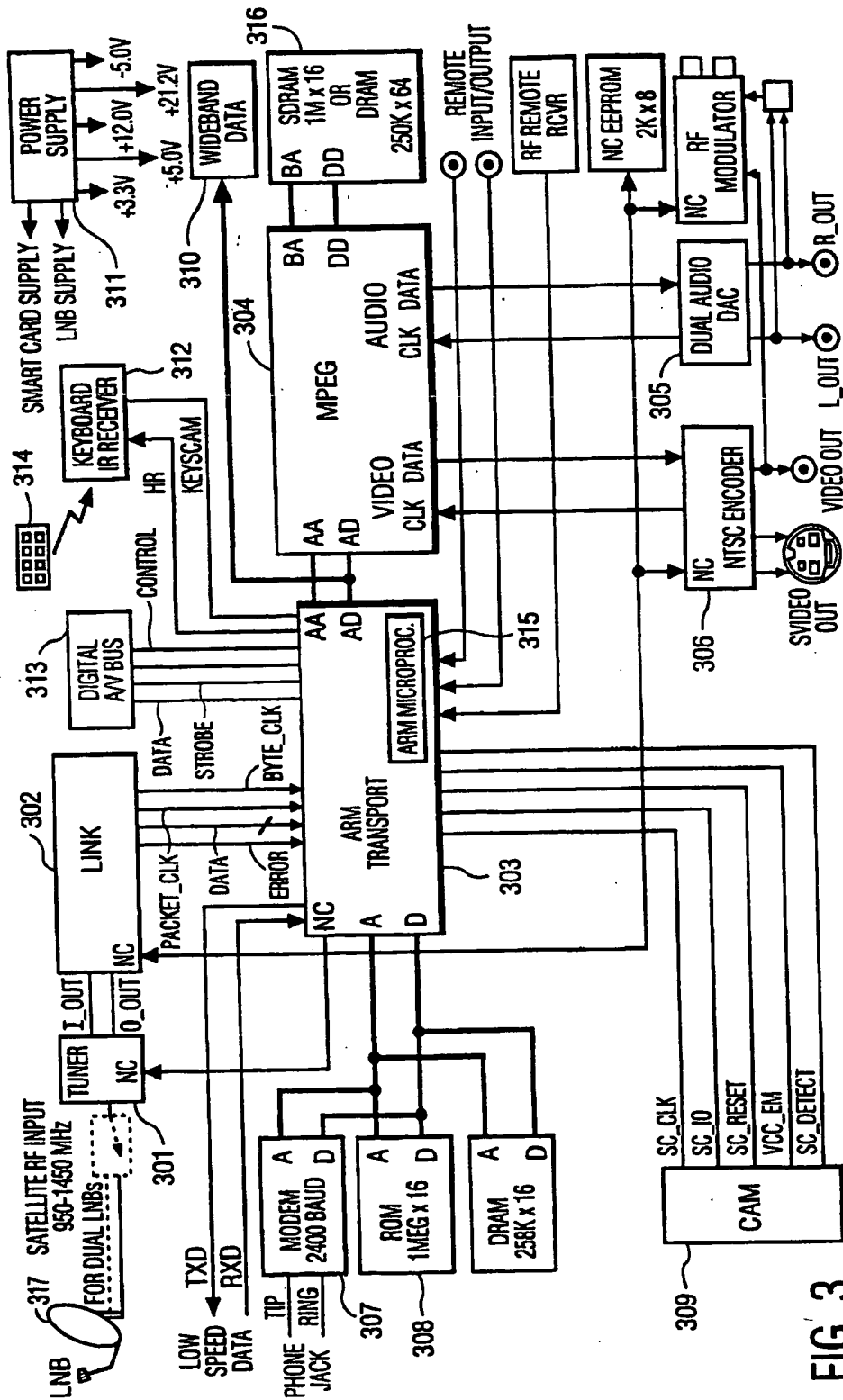


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